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1. The Bureau of the Budget has forwarded to this Agency for comment proposed legislation to authorize training of Federal civilian employees at public or private facilities. It places in the President authority to authorize agency heads to obtain training for civilian employees from such facilities. It is contemplated that Government-wide regulations for administration of the act will be issued within the Executive branch. The legislation was drafted by the Civil Service Commission and specifically repeals Section 4 of the CIA Act of 1949 which contains our training authorities, as well as repealing other governmental training authorities. This proposed legislation has been referred to the Director of Training for comment.

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3. Cong. Anfuso (D., N. Y.), who was formerly with OSS, is contemplating backing a television program on a major station which will dramatize important spy stories. He has now asked whether CIA can approve the script, or in any way endorse or assist officially in these programs, and I have told him that the Agency cannot and does not participate in such a manner. I told him that the Agency receives many requests of this type but has never acceded to them.

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4. I talked with Cong. Broyhill regarding the case of [] who is seeking the Congressman's assistance for employment. The Congressman stated that he had been favorably impressed by [] and that some very reputable constituents of his had also been favorably impressed by [] and had therefore asked the Congressman to intervene. On a confidential basis I informed Mr. Broyhill of the facts in the case -- that [] had been quite helpful and had at first been no problem, but that he had rejected the job opportunities which we had arranged for him and that he had become increasingly difficult. Mr. Broyhill stated that in view of the background I had furnished him he would do nothing further in this case and would advise his constituents that he had looked into the matter, felt that it was being properly handled and that no further action should be taken. (cc Alien Affairs Officer).

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I mentioned to Mr. Broyhill the fact that we were considering the possibility of constructing a CIA headquarters at Langley, a fact which Mr. Broyhill stated he had heard from private sources. He said that he was most anxious for CIA to come into the district because of the high caliber of personnel of the Agency which would increase the economic standing of the district, and offered to be of any assistance should any bottlenecks develop on problems such as roads, sewerage, or other utilities matters. He hoped that we would proceed by lease-purchase rather than by direct appropriation because of the resultant increase in taxes. He also hoped that when a formal announcement of a decision was made that he would have the opportunity of making it. I told Mr. Broyhill that we had discussed the matter with Senator Byrd in 1950 and were, of course, keeping the Senator current on this matter, but that we would also undertake to keep the Congressman equally abreast of the situation as it developed. I stressed that no final decision had as yet been made.

5. I have been informed that the House Committee on Government Operations has added the Atomic Energy Commission to the jurisdiction of its Military Operations Subcommittee for purposes of studying specific faults in organization, procurement, etc., and that the Committee had also considered the possibility of adding CIA to its jurisdiction but had determined

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not to do so. My source, a subcommittee staff member, (reliability unknown) stated in effect that the jurisdiction of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy was virtually that of any Congressional Committee handling substantive legislation for an agency, and therefore did not transcend the jurisdiction of the Government Operations Committee, or in fact any other appropriate committee to investigate matters in this field. It is felt that security considerations prompted the Committee not to include CIA within its jurisdiction at this time. The staff member pointed out that substantive committees historically were easier on the agencies for which they were responsible, and that therefore independent investigations were beneficial from the standpoint of the Congress. However, it should be noted that in all probability any Hoover Commission report in the intelligence field will be referred to the Military Operations Subcommittee for implementation. The Chairman of the Subcommittee is Mr. Holifield, who has always been friendly to the Agency

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